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SUBJECT: RHODESIA CONFERENCE: SEATING OBSERVER DELEGATIONS

1. A MEMBER OF THE BRITISH DELEGATION INFORMED US OCT 25 THAT RICHARD HAD LOOKED OVER THE CONFERENCE FACILITIES AND HAD DECIDED TO SELECT A LARGER MEETING HALL. THE SITE WHICH WAS ORIGINALLY SELECTED WAS TOO SMALL AND BECAUSE OF THE TIGHT SEATING WOULD HAVE CREATED BAD BLOOD AMONG THE DELEGATIONS.

2. THE NEW SITE HAS SUFFICIENT ROOM TO SEAT OBSERVER DELEGATIONS. SINCE THE ORIGINAL BRITISH ARGUMENT THAT PHYSICAL ARRANGEMENTS WOULD NOT PERMIT THE SEATING OF OBSERVERS NO LONGER PERTAINS, THE QUESTION HAS BEEN RESUBMITTED TO LONDON FOR DECISION.

3. THE BRITISH RAN THE IDEA OF OBSERVERS "LIGHTLY" BY SMITH AND HE DID NOT EXACT ADVERSELY.

4. IT SEEMS CLEAR THAT RICHARD AND HIS COLLEAGUES FEEL UNDER SOME PRESSURE TO SEAT TO THE OAU AND FRONT LINE OBSERVERS AND HAVE PROBABLY SO RECOMMENDED TO LONDON.

5. THE MOXAMBICANS HAVE NOT YET DESIGNATED A REPRESENTATIVE NOR HAVE CHONA OR SALIM ARRIVED. ACCORDING TO THE BRITISH THE NIGERIANS ARE STILL WHETHER THEY WILL SEND A REPRESENTATIVE TO GENEVA. CATTO

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